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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ECEVIT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

1. ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST FORMER TURKISH PRIME MINISTER
ECEVIT IN NEW YORK JULY 26 AND REACTIONS OF TURKISH AND TURK
CYPRIOT LEADERS TO THE INCIDENT HAVE DRIVEN ALMOST ALL OTHER
STORIES OFF FRONT PAGES OF TURK CYPRIOT PRESS. DENKTASH DEPLORED
THE INCIDENT, OBSERVING THAT UNDER MAKARIOS THE GREEKS HAVE
LEARNED NOT TO "ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN LIFE AND (TO)
CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS ON OTHERS BY
FORCE OF ARMS AS A NATIONAL DUTY." WARNED DENKTASH: THE GREEKS
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"ARE FORGETTING THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO COUNTER SUCH

ATTACKS BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE CYPRUS IMMEDIATELYTHE GREEK LEADERSHIP (MUST) DENOUNCE THIS NEW EXEMPLE OF BARBARITY. IF IT FAILS TO DO SO AND TACITLY APPROVES THIS NEW COURSE OF TERRORISM AGAINST THE TURKS, AND PRACTICALLY SUPPORTS IT, THEN WE SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES."

2. ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WAS ALSO LEADING STORY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS. SEVERAL PAPERS POINTED OUT THAT ASSAILANT WAS FANATIC EOKA-B MEMBER WANTED IN CYPRUS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PLOT TO MURDER MAKARIOS IN NEW YORK. WITH NAUSEATING PREDICTABILITY, LYSSARIDES' TA NEA NEADLINED THAT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WAS "A BAD TASTE PLOT BY THE CIA."

3. GOC SPOKESMAN HAS SO FAR ISSUED NO STATEMENT AND THE GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS, PROBABLY WAITING TO SEE WHAT LINE GOC TAKES, HAS NOT CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
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